



# Waverley Woodworkers Inc.

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**Our Mission :** To create wood craft items in a supporting, diverse, friendly, sharing environment.

## Jan's Sawdust

Hi everyone at our club,

- October has been a busy month, which has brought both joy and sadness within our woodworking community over the last 30 days.
- Sadly, we have lost one of our long-standing members, Jann Fullerton who passed away on Monday 23 October 2023. Over the years, Jann was a real contributor to our club and we extend our deepest sympathies to her family.
- We had a fantastic event on Tuesday 10 October when we hosted the annual toy give away event to 11 community groups. We received overwhelming thanks from all the groups and 6 special needs children from Vermont South Special School.... The joy and excitement of was something to behold. A big shout out to our supporters and sponsors who also attended to share the afternoon with us: Dr Carina Garland – Federal Member for Chisholm, John Mullahy – State Member for Glen Waverley, Tina Samardzija – Mayor of Monash Council and Louise Gracey from Bendigo Bank. Our Toy makers were certainly pleased with the response for all their efforts.
- Our membership survey results are in and there has been some good feed-back which is published in this newsletter. Thank you to forty one members who have responded... as a response rate you represent 40 percent of our club's membership (105) and that gives a solid representation of our club's active membership. Some opportunities for improvement and membership involvement are being explored – read further in this newsletter for the detailed results. (Continue on page 2)



### November club night

with special event celebration

6.30 for 7.00 pm Wednesday 8 November 2023

#### Guest (1)– Andrew Newnham,

Economist and Woodworker.

Current events in rooftop solar PV – What does roof top solar mean for our power system. Why power bills are so high and what the future might hold.



#### Guest (2) – Life Membership award

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Waverley Woodworkers wish to thank **Community Bank - Pinewood** for their ongoing support for our community projects.

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- We have a vacant position on our committee. Our members survey has identified that our committee could be less "old man" centric....here's an opportunity for members to make a difference and step forward and volunteer to help us be a better and more inclusive club. I look forward to members talking with me about the opportunity to make a difference and contribute to improving our club.
- The first tranche of grant funding from the Victorian State Government hit our bank account early October. This has enabled us to engage contractors to install a gate on the driveway and security fencing with enabling work starting on Monday 30 October. The objective of the driveway project is to provide a more secure and expanded work and storage area for our club. I am confident that all members will be pleased with the result.
- I encourage all members to attend our next club night on Wednesday 8 November. The evening will be a particularly special event with a guest speaker presenting on a subject relevant to all of us and we will also celebrate a rare event with **welcome and award of a Life Membership to our club**. Refreshments and nibbles will be provided, so come early and enjoy some conversation, and the Age newspaper's recommendations for best sausage rolls, party pies, and quiches.... Home cooked bakery also on the table.
- A special "shout out" and recognition for **Thanh Duong** who is our talented newsletter editor and an accomplished carver and artist. Thanh's efforts each month ensure we are a connected community. Thank you Thanh!

### November Club Night 6:30 for 7pm Wednesday 8 November

Forget the Oscars, Logies, and the rest ...some honours are even harder to achieve. The votes are in ...the winner's name is in a sealed envelope... join us for a Waverley Woodworkers Special Event at Club Night on Wed 8th November. Iron that t-shirt, wear your best runners, cancel everything, just make sure that you're there to be part of the special presentation on this Waverley Woodworkers "Night of Nights"!

(...and be early - light catering provided prior to the meeting at 7.00!)



### Friendly Fridays with Ray and George

Are you looking for a quick start to a weekend project?

Or wanting some assistance with a project?

Or need a refresher on how to use a machine safely or learn how to use some of the club's new hand tools?

Come and join us for a **Friendly Friday morning session from 0900 to 1230** with **George Gregson and Ray Ffrench** who will be happy to spend time with you for whatever help you require.



Waverley Woodworkers wish to thank **Bunnings** for ongoing support for support of our Community Projects of Toys for Kids.

### Vale Jann Fullerton



We have been saddened to hear of Jann Fullerton's passing on 23 October 2023.

Jann joined our club in May 2012 and had been an active member most of these last 11 years. Many of our members will remember Jann as an avid turner who made some fine pieces that she was rightly proud of. Jann also took carving classes and helped with supply of timber materials to other members.

We remember Jann as always cheerful, friendly and willing to help out around our club, for example volunteering to be responsible for the First Aid Box which she looked after for 5 years. Over the years, Jann was a real contributor to the social fabric and vibe of Waverley Woodworkers.

Just hours before Jann's passing, we were approached by her family to make a three level cross that would be placed on her casket and then retained by the family as a memory of Jann and her woodworking. To that effect Jan Lacki volunteered to make the cross and presented it on behalf of our club to Jann's sister Kate Kohne on 25 October.

We will miss Jann and extend our deepest sympathies to her family.

Members of Waverley Woodworkers Inc.



**Waverley Woodworkers** wish to thank **Senator Raff Ciccone** for his ongoing support especially with the printing of club documents.

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On **Tuesday 23 October** our Toy Group caught up for its annual lunch. An opportunity to celebrate another successful year of creating approx. 500 toys to donate to community groups in our area. The lunch capped off another successful event a couple of weeks earlier when the annual giveaway was held at our club with an enthusiastic participation of recipient groups, our sponsors such as **Carina Garland, Federal Member for Chisholm and John Mullahy, State Member of Parliament for Glen Waverley**. Also present were **Tina Samardzija, Mayor of Monash Council and Lousie Gracey from Bendigo Bank** which has been a strong supporter of club over the years.

Here are a couple of photos of our guys at lunch: apologies from **Patrick O’Keefe, Trevor Brooks and Michael Larsen-Pope** who could not make it on the day. **Len Brear and Linus Chang** were present however do not feature in the photos (an inadvertent omission by the guy who took the photo).

Some examples of what the guys make for the annual toy give away.



Brian Downie, Bruce Dobbie, Kevin Seaman, Fiona Cooper, Steve Fyfield, Wayne Denereaz, Roger Cheesman.



David Painter, Norman Bye, Tony Lowry, Hans Kopp, Bill Fletcher, Peter Clunas, Peter Crandle.



We had a great turnout of committed volunteers to our Working Bee that **Trevor Brooks** organised in preparation for the **Monash City Family Day on 19 November at Batesford Reserve**.

A big Shout Out to **Judy Yeo, Ian Bell, Rob Ray, Joe Sullivan, Len Brear, Tony Lowry and Bruce Dobbie** and **Trevor Brooks** who all eagerly pitched in to make chopping boards, pencil holders etc. The saw dust and shavings were flying with lots of good banter among all !!!! All knocked over in just over 90 minutes because everyone pitched in ... we even had time to have a chat over coffee before wrapping up. Thank you all. You are a wonderful team and an absolute asset to our club. Special thanks to **Trevor** for his professionalism in organising materials and work stations so that everything just flowed!



## **Monash Council Family Fun Day Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Volunteers are required to help out on the Waverley Woodworkers stand on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 11am to 4 pm at Batesford Reserve** (corner of Batesford rd and Power Ave. Chadstone)

We will have 4 woodcraft activities operating – *helping kids assembling either a Pencil Case, Money Box or finishing and decorating at Kitchen Chopping board or a Pencil holder.*

Volunteers are required to have a current “*Working with Children Check*” (Council requirement).

***If you don't have a “Working with Children Check” then you could help in setting up our marquis and equipment between 10am and 11am and help in packing up at 4pm.***

*If you can spare one or 2 hours on the day you can add your name to the sign up form up in the Club office.*

For further information contact **Trevor Brooks on 0434798644**



## Members Survey – Context

Club membership is 105 people.

41 Survey responses received – that’s a 40% response rate.

### Some headlines:

50% of respondents said they attended sessions once a week. 20% attended multiple times a week. 20% attended once a fortnight or once a month. 10% did not attend or only if they had a project.

60% like our affordable membership fees.

100% like the access to professional equipment.

80% like the opportunity to learn from others.

80% think we offer great value for money (i.e. the equipment and experience for membership cost).

60% like coming to our club for the friendships and social engagement.

Respondents want to experience more short courses, wood working demonstrations, better supervision of equipment use.

Some see our committee as being a group of old men.

### Here’s what you said



In the recent survey, you said we were doing a good job and the club was going in the right direction.

You appreciate the excellent value for money the fees provided; the access to professional well-maintained equipment; and feel it is fair and reasonable that members should have to participate in at least one volunteering event or working bee per year.

You also identified improvement opportunities so this is what we’ll be doing to address some of those in the short-term:

### What we are going to do in response to your survey contributions.

- More volunteering opportunities.
- 2024 will have more social events. Here’s a volunteering opportunity because these take some coordination.
- We’re working on a communications strategy to provide better communications. This has started with a new “Waverley Woodworkers” Facebook account and will have more (but measured) direct member emails.
- Facebook has already been updated with the Club opening hours and will continue to be used, as will direct emails, when these have to change.

- More varied presentations in our Club nights including more woodworking demonstrations.
- We will run some short courses on interesting topics for those interested in expanding their skills.  
**Any volunteers out there who will contribute to these courses?????**
- We will explore the possibility of creating a dedicated area for **overnight** glue-ups and storage, but all items must be removed the following morning. To date an informal arrangement has worked where glue ups requiring overnight space have never been refused as long as members remove their work the following morning.
- We will create a stronger safety focus for all who enter the facilities. **That will mean a re- focus on Duty Members ensuring safe operating practices and safety compliance. The Duty Members will need to lead by example.**
- Our committee is indeed a group of old men (unfortunately we cannot change our ages as much as we would like) and to that effect we would love to address that and it starts with our membership stepping forward and volunteering to create a succession path to a younger and more diverse leadership team.

Thanks to all who contributed because this leads to a better and more connected Club.

## Try something different

While we are all woodworkers, some of us have particular interests that we want to explore e.g. - Box-making, Toy-making, Woodturning, and Carving. Hence, we have special interest groups within the club, these are not exclusive however they enable members to excel in their areas of interest or expertise.

The nice thing about each of these is that they always welcome people who would like to start their own projects or simply have a go at these activities to improve their skills. Turners do need some experience on lathes because of our need to maintain high levels of safety so look out for Woodturning short courses and then join this group.

All groups meet at the Club on different days and times.

- The Box makers meet on Monday afternoons at 12:30pm. We are looking at how we can expand this session to cater for wider interests.
- The Toy makers meet on Tuesday afternoons at 12:30pm. This is our club's major community outreach and the session often has 15 plus members so it can be very busy with an industrial buzz those afternoons.
- The Carvers meet on Wednesday afternoons at 12:30pm, and
- The Turners meet on Monday evenings at 7pm.

See the opening hours on the Waverley Woodworkers website for information and times.

Any questions please talk with me when I am at the club, call or email me on

[Waverleywoodworkers.president@gmail.com](mailto:Waverleywoodworkers.president@gmail.com)

Jan Lacki 29 October 2023



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**Joe Sullivan (1,2)**

Sharpening Station including bench with drawers, made with surplus timber from his workshop. The project was inspired by attendance at the sharpening courses run by Peter Clunas

**Tony McLachlan (3)**

Balance board made for his brother to aid recovery after knee joint replacement.

**Roger Cheeseman (4)**

Jigs for making wheels for toys and models. First one was based on a jig Brian developed for the Toy Group

**Russell Painter (5)**

Turned bowl in Apricot wood with natural features

Turned Lidded Box (material unknown)

Turned bowl in Australian Native Willow





**Andrew Shaw (6)**

Finely crafted Jewellery boxes with hinged lids and removeable inserts. Cabothane finish. One features Red Gum, one is in Walnut

**Thanh Duong (7)**

Delightful carved Wombat, from Cyprus Pine firewood

**Ian Bell (8)**

Serving board featuring timber from old fence post, with high gloss resin finish, and a second board in progress

**Jan Lacki (9,10)**

12 Bottle Wine Cabinet, featuring Satin Box and American Maple, with Walnut accents, a well-crafted example of Jan's work

Model of USS Enterprise in contrasting timbers, not made by Jan, but bought by him for his son, many years ago. "It's wood Jan but not as we know it."



### Jann Fullerton's Passing

My *Temple to the Once Acceptable* was largely made from wood from her old rear deck. At one stage I ran out of wood and had to ask her for more, which she cheerfully supplied. It was exhibited at Federation Square for a month or so and I did say to her: "**this is your chance to see your deck at Fed Square**" but I don't know if she got to see it.

Jann also joined one of the carving classes.

Frank Duyker



# Special Interest Group Turning

## SHOW & TELL - October 2023

Hans Kopp  
Lidded Container  
"Mustard Pot"  
D 7cm  
H 4cm



dark Red Gum  
Livros Oil

Russell Painter  
Lidded Container  
"Not strictly Square"



D 6.5 x 6.5cm  
H 8.5cm

Spalted Wood  
Shellawax

Rob Ray  
Lidded Container  
"Honey Pot"  
D 11cm  
H 13cm



Colombian Oak  
Wipe On Poly

Peter Kerr  
s. Bowl  
D 12cm  
H 8.5cm



Red Box  
Livros Oil

Ian Haynes  
Lidded Container  
D 6cm  
H 12cm



C. Pine  
Scandinavian Teak Oil

Russell Painter  
L. Bowl  
D 21 cm  
H 13cm



Australian Wattle  
Triple E

Russell Painter  
Small Bowls



D 14cm  
H 8cm

Am. Black Walnut/Eucalypt  
Abrasive Paste

COMMITTEE 2023- 2024	
Executive	Position
Jan Lacki	President - Sponsor / Fundraising
	Vice President
John Watson	Secretary, Public Officer
David Keynton	Treasurer
Committee	
Tony Lowry	Workshop Operations Co-ordinator
Trevor Brooks	Box Kits Co-ordinator—Workshop Environment
Ian Bell	Web co-ordinator
Others	
Norman Bye	Machine Maintenance
Bill Fletcher	Toy Group Co-ordinator
Alex Chin	Technology Support
Thanh Duong	Monthly newsletter
Peter Clunas	Hand Tool Sharpening
Geoff Allen	Wood Turning Classes
Frank Duyker	Wood Carving Classes

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Waverley Woodworkers would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who provide the extra support needed to ensure our club remains successful.



**Matt Fregon**  
Victorian State Member of  
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**John Mullahy**  
Victorian State Member of  
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**Dr. Carina Garland**  
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